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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
Chair
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
General Government
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cindy-Hyde Smith
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
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Dear Chair Van Hollen and Ranking Member Hyde-Smith,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations legislation, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



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**King, Angus(I-ME) Financial Services and General Government
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Maine Coast Fishermen's Association	To support the Fishermen Feeding Mainers Program to provide direct financial relief to fishermen by helping them address food insecurity in Maine through supplying food banks and families in need with healthy Maine seafood meals.	Cumberland County ME	\$500
Coastal Enterprises, Inc.	To improve access to capital for Maine's local food system by capitalizing the Catalyst Fund, a sector-focused fund which provides long term, flexible investments to emerging innovative food companies that support Maine's agriculture and aquaculture production. CEI anticipates making investments in an additional 5-7 businesses supporting the creation of 15-21 new jobs in the sector, and providing technical assistance and coaching.	Cumberland County ME	\$500
University of Maine System	To provide specialized business, entrepreneurial, brand, legal and marketing support to a cohort of at least 10 emerging outdoor recreation businesses to accelerate their growth and success, and that of Maine's economy. Additionally, the project would provide meaningful hands-on paid education and workforce training and other professional development to university business students providing support for the participating businesses.	Cumberland County ME	\$356
Envision Maine dba ClimateWork Maine	To strengthen Maine's small businesses and support a more resilient economy, helping to keep good jobs in the state and make Maine a vibrant participant in the low-carbon future. ClimateWork Maine will work to help individual businesses take action on climate change, including actions to mitigate and prepare for the effects of climate change, build support for the state's climate plan within the business community, and assist entrepreneurs as they invent new businesses and products.	Cumberland County ME	\$250
Northeast Historic Film	To create the Maine TV News Digital Library. Their collection contains the bulk of all surviving television news, film and video. They have been building this collection for over 30 years and this project will give them a chance to make it easily available to the public.	Hancock County ME	\$320
Central Maine Growth Council	Central Maine Growth Council's (CMGC) Dirigo Labs accelerator program proposes an expansion to the scope of services which will include a SBIR/STTR Innovation Hub Project. With the aid of Congressionally directed funds, Dirigo Labs will diversify its current curriculum to incorporate access to federal contracts, research and development and technology transfer funding in the federal innovation arena.	Kennebec County ME	\$278
Island Institute	To expand the Island Institute's nearly 40-year effort to support Maine's coastal and island businesses with funding, networking, and business advising, focused on attracting new business to the region through seed funding, as well as business advising, mentorship, and networking.	Knox County ME	\$500
University of Maine System	The UMaine Food Innovation Center would expand the existing university food innovation pilot plan to provide needed processing services, production scale-up, product development, food safety and food quality to support Maine's small-scale agriculture and aquaculture producers, while providing academic and workforce development opportunities for both youth and adults. The project would address the increasing demand for local food options in part due to the impacts of COVID (supply chain disruption, etc.) and help Maine capitalize on the ability to grow its land- and water-based food economy and ensure Mainers have reliable access to affordable, healthy and safe local food.	Penobscot County ME	\$2,500
University of Maine System	To establish a Maine Agriculture Roadmap, building upon high-impact successful forestry and fisheries road mapping projects in Maine. To provide an inclusive, diverse stakeholder process by which to develop a unified direction for critical Maine industry that supports and grows rural jobs and opportunity and guides future policy and investments. To address grand challenges facing Maine and beyond, including climate change, food insecurity and public health outcomes, and rural sustainability.	Penobscot County ME	\$1,000

University of Maine System	Maine Entrepreneurship Fellowship and Incubator will address a talent gap in the commercialization of R&D in Maine by recruiting and training early-career professionals through hands-on experience working with researchers to commercialize an innovation. The introduction of the Maine Entrepreneurship Fellowship will provide an opportunity to train the CEOs of tomorrow and to grow businesses in the state of Maine.	Penobscot County ME	\$825
University of Maine System	To support Wild Blueberry growers and producers in Maine by developing infrastructure and research to test and demonstrate new accessible and cost-effective technologies at Blueberry Hill Farm in Jonesboro, Maine. This proposed solution aims to construct space, develop infrastructure and equipment to research, develop and demonstrate improvements in harvesting, processing technologies, irrigation, horticultural approaches, and water use among different genotypes. Project will work to ensure that Maine's Wild Blueberry producers and growers are equipped with climate adaptation strategies and solutions to labor challenges for a critical crop within the state of Maine.	Washington County ME	\$2,997
Engine, Inc.	To support the development and growth of a competitive nine-month program for creative entrepreneurs called IGNITE. IGNITE is a competitive arts, design, and advanced manufacturing business incubator program that provides socially innovative material and technical support to emerging business leaders; introduces business training and mentorship opportunities to participants; builds collaborative support and mentoring networks that integrate business support resources regionally; delivers educational programming with key partners; and connects IGNITE Cohort to funding opportunities and Maine's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem.	York County ME	\$30